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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR ACTION ON US-SAUDI ARABIAN INDUS-
TRIALIZATION WORKING GROUP REPORT: COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REPORT OF THE US-SAUDI ARABIA
WORKING GROUP MEETING ON INDUSTRIALIZATION HELD IN RIYADH
JULY 21-23, 1974 THE USG PROPOSES TO SEND CHARLES K. WILK
TO ADVISE SAG IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNICATION FACILI-
TIES.

2. BIOGRAPHIC DATA: CHARLES K. WILK, SPECIAL ASSISTANT
TO THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, U.S. DEPT.
OF COMMERCE. MR. WILK IS 40 YEARS OLD, B.A.-ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING, CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY, M.S. ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERING, PENNSYLVANIA STATE, M.B.A., UNIVERSITY OF
UTAH. HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE HAS COVERED A WIDE RANGE
OF RESPONSIBILITIES FROM DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMMER-
CIAL AUTOMATED ELECTRONIC DATA HANDLING SYSTEMS AND ELEC-
TRONIC METEOROLOGICAL SENSING SYSTEMS TO PROGRAM MANAGEMENT
OF LARGE SCALE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS FOR THE U.S.
AIR FORCE IN EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN.

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3. MISSION -

A. REVIEW CURRENT SAUDI ARABIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS POSTURE IN LIGHT OF DESIRED CAPABILITIES AND TIME GOALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE TYPE OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT NEEDED TO ASSURE EFFECTIVENESS AND TIMELY COMPLETION OF THE MANY ON-GOING AND PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION CONTRACTS.

B. RECOMMEND AND HELP ARRANGE FOR A PRIVATE GROUP OR GROUPS TO ORCHESTRATE ALL MAJOR TELECOMMUNICATION CONTRACTS INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVED IN PLANNING, DESIGNING, INSTALLING, EVALUATING, AND INTER-CONNECTING SYSTEMS AS WELL AS THOSE DIRECTED TO FUTURE APPLICATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY TO HELP ASSURE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION AND ACHIEVEMENT OF SCHEDULING GOALS AND TO TRAIN SAUDI NATIONALS.

C. RECOMMEND AND ASSIST IN ORGANIZING TECHNICAL SEMINARS IN THE UNITED STATES--WITH BOTH USG AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION--TO PROVIDE SAUDI NATIONALS WITH AN INTENSIVE EXPOSURE TO THE TECHNOLOGY.

D. RECOMMEND AND ASSIST IN ARRANGING FOR INDUSTRY GROUP PRESENTATIONS TO EXPOSE SAUDIS TO US EQUIPMENT/SYSTEMS SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE OFFERINGS.

E. RECOMMEND PRIVATE SOURCES TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING AN ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

4. MR. WILK IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR SAUDI ARABIA APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER 1 FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS. THE COST OF HIS EXPERTISE INCLUDING PREPARATION TIME, TRAVEL COSTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$5,958.

5. REQUEST SAG CONCURRENCE. INGERSOLL

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